Effects of the Neolithic Revolution

Part One: Read each document and fill in the blanks to finish the statements.

**Document #1:** Rather than just following food sources around different locations, for the first time what people start to do is that they bring these resources back to them. Not just as harvested food, but they’re bringing them as seeds, and they’re growing them next to their village, and that’s the first time, really this is the first time we see this anywhere in the world.

1. According to the document, the Stone Age people of the Middle East were becoming the world’s first _________________.
2. The document’s reference to “villages” indicates that people were no longer living a ________________ lifestyle.

**Document #2:** What we see happening about 9,000 years ago is a remarkable transformation in the way that humans are interacting with animals. We begin to see a process of animal domestication, by which we mean humans were controlling where they were moving, they were controlling their feeding, and they were controlling their breeding. Instead of having to go out to hunt, you have a dependable meat supply on the hoof, year-round, around your site, rather than being subject to seasonal variations in wild game.

1. According to the document, domesticated animals were used to ensure a steady supply of _________________.
2. Based on your knowledge of history, domesticated animals were also used by early civilizations for _________________, _________________, and ________________.

**Document #3:** Once the crops and animals of the Fertile Crescent reached Egypt, they caused an explosion of civilization. Suddenly there was enough food to feed the pharaohs and generals, the engineers and scribes, and the armies of people required to build the pyramids.

1. Based on this document, it can be inferred that due to a surplus of food, civilizations began to have an increase in _________________ and _______________. 
Document #4: The same is true of European civilization. From ancient times until the Renaissance, the crops and animals of the Fertile Crescent fed the artists, inventors and soldiers of Europe. In the 16th century, the same crops and animals were taken by Europeans to the New World. At the time there were was not a single cow or ear of wheat in all the Americas. Now there are 100 million cattle in the US alone. And Americans consume 20 million tons of wheat a year.

1. Crops like wheat and animals, such as cows, being brought from Europe to the Americas are examples of ______________________ ________________________.

Part Two: Summary – Read through the fill in the blank statements and make a list of the effects of the Neolithic Revolution that were described.

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Part Three: List additional effects of the Neolithic Revolution not mentioned in the documents.

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